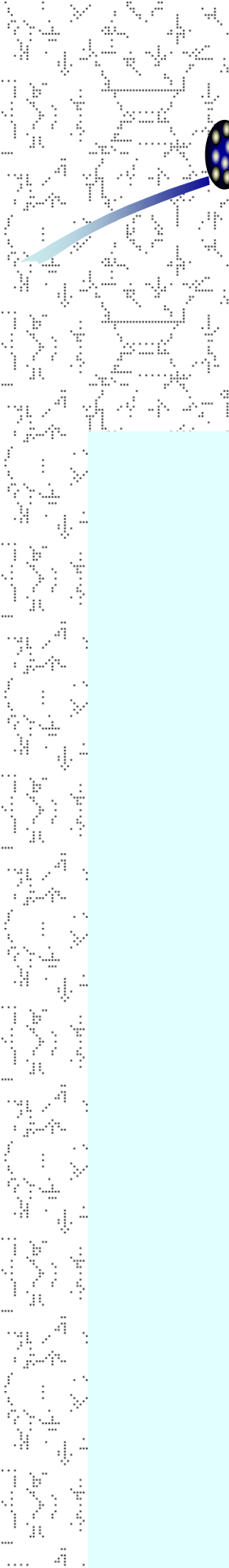




# *Taking the Courthouse to the Schoolroom*

Our Court is  
here for the  
People we Serve





"If we are to remain dedicated to the peaceful resolution of disputes and to a government based upon a fair and equitable system of laws, we must assign the highest priority to making public understanding of the law a reality."

*Morris Harrell, past president of the American Bar Association*



# Program History

**October 1995** – National Town Hall Meeting

**April 1996** – Proposal to Superintendent

**June 1996** – Teacher Recruitment

**Summer 1996** – Program Development

**Fall 1996** – School Campus Meetings

**May 1, 1997** – National Law Day

*Mock Trial for Mound School*

*Shadow Days*

*Teacher Law School*

**September 1997** – Field Study

**December 1997** – Mound School Christmas Program

**May 2000** – On-line Chat with a Judge



# *Getting Started*

- Become “educated”
  - What are the Board of Education requirements?
  - Get to know the American Government Curriculum
- Involve the Judges
- Superintendent of Schools
- Identify trend setting principals
- Go to the schools (schools outreach)
- Talk to students
- Public Relations (media, PTA, etc.)

## *Program Highlights*

- Collaboration
- Educational
- Specific Curriculum Objectives
- Active Learning
- Maturity Skills
- "School to Work" ....
- Minimal Fiscal Impact
- Meets Local and State Goals



# *Taking the Courthouse to the Schoolroom*

Field Study in Criminal Case Processing

Teacher's Law School

"Order in the Classroom"

Lunch with a Judge

Classroom Forums

World Wide Web

Shadow Days

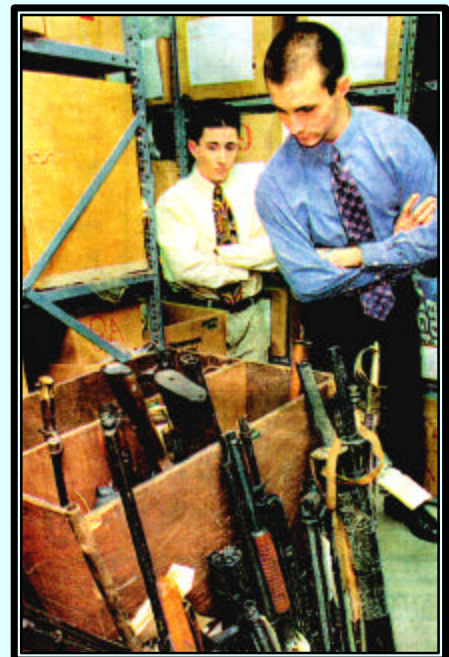
On-Line Chats

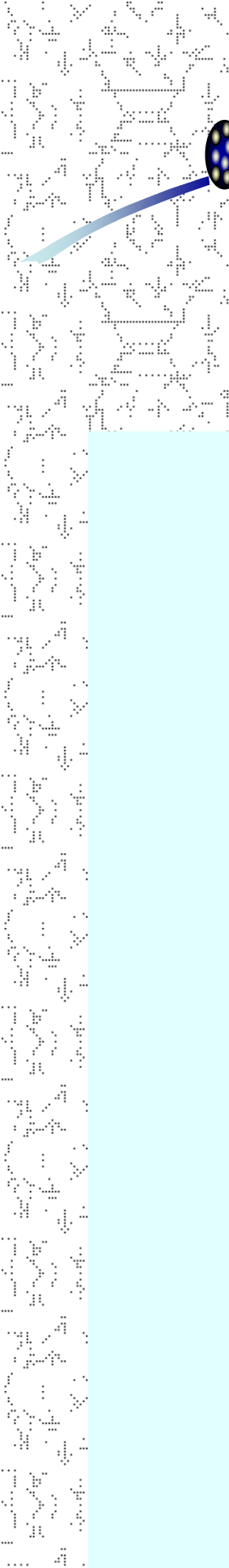
Specialized events



# Field Study in Criminal Case Processing

- 28 hours in the field
- Community Collaboration
- 7 components
  - Police Officer
  - Investigations
  - Prosecution
  - Defense
  - Probation Agency
  - Court I – Administration
  - Court II – Judge





# A Teacher's Law School

- 4 or 8 hour sessions
- "In Service" Days
- Workshops
  - Civil
  - Criminal
  - Jury
  - Family Law
  - Courtroom Sessions
- Community Outreach – Bar Association
- Annual Conference





# "Order in the Classroom"

Grades 4-6

Criminal Mock Trial

Performed by Court Staff

Students are Jurors

Judicial Sponsorship

There is a Quiz

Certificates

Law Day

*The People vs Cruella DeVille*

*The People vs Darth E. Vader*

# Lunch with a Judge

Alternative Schools

4-5 Students

Courtroom, Courthouse and  
Chambers

Community Outreach

- Rotary Clubs
- Superintendent of Schools



# Classroom Forums

Classroom Visits

Judicial Sponsorship

Court Staff

Lesson plans with Teacher



..... there's more

World Wide Web

Shadow Days

Future Programs

- Town Hall Meetings with Students
- Dramatization of the Night Before the Constitution was Signed

On-Line Chats



# ***Making a Difference***

Ralph N. Kleps Award

35 Field Study Graduates

500 Mock Trial Participants

10 Classroom Forums (300 Students)

60+ Lunch with a Judge

30 Students participated in our On-Line Chat

